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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Ullrich Hetzler

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For: LOW-IMPEDANCE ELECTRICAL
RESISTOR AND PROCESS FOR THE
MANUFACTURE OF SUCH RESISTORS

Group Art Unit: 2832

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESPICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action dated June 18, 2004, Applicant provisionally elects Group I, Claims 1-5, drawn to a resistor. Applicant reserves the opportunity to file a divisional application on the Group II claims 6-13 at a later time.

Additionally, Applicant requests entry of the following preliminary amendment.